

Your provision is in His promises



If You Want God's Best (Day 5)
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Yesterday we have seen that God wants us to be fruitful in every good work. This is the will of God. There is no question about His will—the question is our response to His will.

The second fact I want to emphasize is, God has made full provision for us so that we might be fruitful. We have seen from Paul's prayer that God has equipped us, or qualified us, to take our place in the "inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light" (Colossians 1:12). This truth is brought out in many ways in the New Testament. Here is a very powerful statement that God has made full provision for this:

> "His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires." (2 Peter 1:3–4)

Notice that opening phrase, "His divine power." God's total omnipotence, His unlimited power, "has given us everything we need." Let me emphasize that God has given us everything we need for life and godliness. This is provided in two related ways: first, "through our knowledge of him who called us" (verse 3), that is, through the knowledge of Jesus Christ; and second, through "his very great and precious promises" (verse 4). The provision comes through knowing Jesus Christ and through appropriating the promises of God's Word.

There is a saying I use in this connection that I think I can never quote too often: The provision is in the promises. In the promises of God's Word is contained all the provision we are ever going to need. You might say, "Well, if God has given us full provision, where is it?" The answer is that it is all in the promises of God's Word. As you appropriate those promises, you discover the provision.

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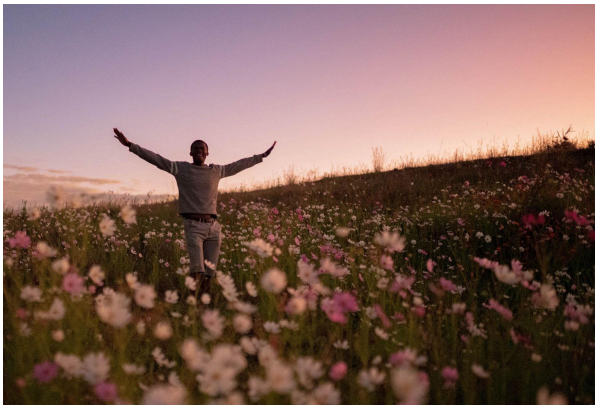
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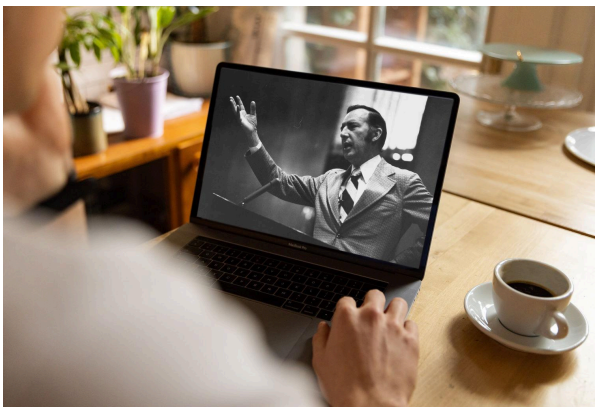
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